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BEANS MOVE IN LARGE VOLUME AT HIGH PRICE

Ten Cars To Go Out Of
Canal Point Harbor
By Saturday

TOMATOES FOLLOW

Buyers Pay \$3.50 Hamper
Cash On Dock For
Good Beans

Shipment of beans is at its peak around Lake Okeechobee this week, the estimate being that at least ten car loads will move from Canal Point alone. Tomato shipments will start in thirty days.

Bean prices are good, as indicated by the fact that 1,000 hampers were bought Saturday by J. A. Weeks at from \$3.25 to \$3.50 a hamper, with a slightly higher price paid for exceptionally good stock.

The acreage of tomatoes on East Beach is estimated at 1,350, most of it between Canal Point and Racoms Point. For W. E. Lee of Plant City Mr. Weeks has contracted to buy the crops from 700 acres at \$1.15 a crate in the field crates. The contracted tomatoes will be picked at the first top picking house.

The acreage of potatoes on East Beach is estimated at slightly above 300, most of which is on land owned by W. J. Conners and the sugar company. Canal Point is headquarters for more produce buyers than have ever visited East Beach before.

Produce from East Beach is moving to Clewiston, Moore Haven, Okeechobee and West Palm Beach. The larger part of the freight shipments go to Clewiston and most of the express stuff to Moore Haven. The sugar company had a dock built near the dock at West Palm Beach, to which point it is shipping its beans. Stuff from the Conners Farms goes to Okeechobee.

To Rock Streets In Canal Point Townsite

A corporation organized recently under the name of the Pioneer Company has bought from the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company eight acres of land on the north bank of the Canal at Canal Point and has taken an option on twenty acres more, the land to be added to other holdings and planted and improved and marketed as a townsite.

Streets will be laid out with a width of 80 feet and rock and celled to a width of 16 feet, with four-foot cement sidewalks on each side of parking. The business lots will be sold on a basis of 25 feet width.

Officers of the Pioneer Company are: Carl J. Reed, president; J. A. Poston, vice-president; E. S. Matter, secretary and treasurer. Other directors are J. W. Hays, E. T. Anderson, J. W. T. R. W. Windham, who is president of the Bank of Lake Okeechobee. The Pioneer Company has taken over the 32 lots in Canal Point formerly known as the Typewriter property of E. T. Anderson, J. W. T. R. W. Windham, who is president of the Bank of Lake Okeechobee. The Pioneer Company has taken over the 32 lots in Canal Point formerly known as the Typewriter property of E. T. Anderson, J. W. T. R. W. Windham, who is president of the Bank of Lake Okeechobee.

URGE ROAD CONNECTION

The following paragraph occurs in the minutes of the meeting of the South Florida and Everglades Development Association held at Clewiston Friday of last week:

A resolution was offered by R. C. Sibley, of Moore Haven, and seconded by V. Gram, of Grand Park, requesting that the five representatives from Palm Beach County, who are present at this meeting be requested to appear before the county commissioners of St. Lucie and Hendry counties at the earliest possible moment, explaining to them what an active movement is being vigorously pursued by Glades and Hendry counties to perfect a cross state highway, and the county commissioners of St. Lucie and Hendry counties be urged to take steps to build the connecting link between the end of the hard road already completed, in the vicinity of Belle Glade, and the Hendry county line, and that the secretary of this organization be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the chairman and clerk of the board of county commissioners of Palm Beach county. The above motion was unanimously carried.

TO MAKE CHARTS OF THE BIG LAKE

Two Crews of Geodetic
Survey Running Lines
On Okeechobee

In the expectation that Lake Okeechobee and canals running from the lake to the Gulf of Mexico on the west and the Atlantic ocean on the east will become parts of a cross-state waterway, preliminary surveys of the lake and canals are now being made, the data to be used in the preparation of charts by the United States coast and Geodetic Survey, a bureau of the United States Department of Commerce. Existence of charts will be an aid in the effort to induce congress to make an appropriation for a barge canal between the Atlantic ocean and the Gulf of Mexico by way of Moore Haven, for without the charts to prove the extent and character of the waterways the propagandists will lack essential facts on which to make the argument to congress.

Order for the survey of Lake Okeechobee and canals was made last year on the application of the trustees of the internal improvement fund of Florida to the United States Senator Dunbar, U. S. Fletcher. Senator Fletcher's request was made to the secretary of the Department of Commerce, who communicated it to E. Lester Jones, the director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Early in January of 1924 Senator Fletcher took up the subject again and urged early action, with the result that a party of surveyors began work in this region the latter part of that month.

The surveying party is in charge of Senior Lieutenant L. F. Graham of Washington, D. C. who has headquarters at Okeechobee. He is using the launch Elsie, in which he is accompanied by Mr. Atkinson, another U. S. Navy officer, in which are seven men, is working under the direction of Lieutenant Dunbar of Washington, D. C. who has headquarters at West Palm Beach.

It is not about a day's ride from West Palm Beach canal. This is the crew in which the crew of the launch Elsie is working. The launch Elsie is working in the canal. The launch Elsie is working in the canal. The launch Elsie is working in the canal.

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CONNER'S ROAD MAY BE OPEN BY FIRST OF JUNE

Equipment Moves To
New Locations
On Canal

ROCK-A MILE A DAY

Unseasonable Weather
Only Handicap To
Rapid Progress

Sixty to sixty-five per cent of the rock is spread on Conners Highway between Okeechobee and St. Lucie canal, laying of rails on which to carry rock to the subgrade between St. Lucie canal and Canal Point will start next week, and good progress is being made in all departments of the Twenty-Mile Road on West of the work between Canal Point and Palm Beach canal.

No members of Conners Highway organization in Canal Point will consent to be quoted for publication as to the exact date the highway will be open from the bend in West Palm Beach canal to Canal Point, but it is understood that W. J. Conners, builder of the road, wants the section opened in May. Men who are not connected with Mr. Conners' organization venture the estimate that a finished road will be completed to Canal Point by the first of June or shortly thereafter.

The rock crusher on St. Lucie canal, eight miles north of Canal Point, is delivering 1,000 tons of surfacing rock a day. Part of the crushed rock is hauled on barges along the shore of the lake into West Palm Beach canal by way of Canal Point and down the canal to designated points. A Brown hoisting machine lifts the rock from the barge and delivers it on the subgrade.

The Brown hoist is now working near mile post 29. It will be moved in about two weeks to the sugar mill.

The Erie steam shovel was moved Monday from a point down the canal to the sugar mill, where it is finishing the grade that was thrown up by the dredge T. T. Reese. The finishing of the grade is done by leveling the material excavated by the dredge from the canal.

The dredge Reese, working west from a point between mile post 25 and 26 (coming toward westward of it. When this Canal Point), has 2,500-foot of 2,500 feet is covered the dredge will go back to near the bend in the canal and cover 2,000 feet more, with which it will be completed the contract.

Sixty-four hundred feet of finished rock road was made Monday on the bank of West Palm Beach canal by the crew receiving rock barged from the crusher.

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Technical Society Makes Report On Conner's Highway

West Palm Beach, March 10.—Encouraging progress on the Conners Highway link in the West Palm Beach to Tampa trans-Florida automobile road is reported by the Florida Engineering Society in an exhaustive summary, made public yesterday. The society also announced that two large motor bus companies from the North have arranged to place in service a sufficient number of Pullman motor coaches to provide an hourly schedule between West Palm Beach and Tampa. The engineering society in its report says:

The Conners Highway is a private toll road, fifty-one miles long, being constructed at the end of the existing hard surface on which runs west from Palm Beach along the Palm Beach canal, and twenty-two miles out from Palm Beach, to Okeechobee.

The new highway parallels the Palm Beach canal, on the south bank for fifteen and one-half miles through the heart of the Everglades to Canal Point, where the canal terminates in Lake Okeechobee. From this point the highway crosses the canal and travels westward to Okeechobee, crossing the St. Lucie canal nine miles north of Canal Point and the Okeechobee river at its junction with Lake Okeechobee, three miles south of the end of the highway, where it connects with the main highway.

Connecting Link
The Conners Highway is designed to connect the link in the first hard surface cross-state highway, and will connect the West Coast with the East Coast of Florida. It is penetrating and opening up for development a wonderfully fertile district surrounding Lake Okeechobee, a district that has been, prior to this time, cut off from ready access to the channels of trade and which has accordingly lain dormant and almost unknown.

Mr. W. J. Conners of Palm Beach and Buffalo, N. Y., has undertaken the development of this new country, and has acquired large tracts of land throughout the area to be influenced by the highway under construction. Recognizing the urgent need of a first class highway across the lower peninsula of Florida and the opportunity afforded of doing this one building for one who could and would, he obtained from the State of Florida a franchise to build a toll road connecting Palm Beach and Okeechobee.

There still remained a link from Okeechobee to Sebring that would have to be built and paved before the road would be open all the way through. He has interested himself in pushing this work by the state and county and at the time the contract is progressing on all parts of it. North of Sebring, extending from there to the West Coast, the lake region of Central Florida and on to the East Coast by way of Orlando, Sanford, Deland and Daytona, there exists a good system of hard surface highways. With the early completion of the Conners Highway, and the completion of several contracts under way between Okeechobee and Sebring, there will be placed in service a highway, with a paved surface of six feet, with a lower end of the road to the north, ending from the coast. Thus the highway will be a link in the chain of highways which will connect the state with the outside world.

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CHIEF DRAINAGE ENGINEER ANSWERS QUESTIONS AS TO CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS

BEAN PICKERS WANTED
Sam A. Bartlett of Pahokee is advertising in West Palm Beach newspapers for laborers to work at Conners Farms. Party to forty-five cents a hamper is offered for bean picking and \$2.50 to \$3 a day for general help.

Sees No Reason To Apprehend Unduly High Water Level.

BARRIERS OUT OF ST. LUCIE CANAL

Applies Records Previous Years To Present Circumstance

Having been asked to furnish for the first issue of The Everglades News a summary of his views of conditions around Lake Okeechobee, Chief Engineer F. C. Elliot of the Everglades Drainage District responded promptly with the letter that is printed in full below.

To indicate to the chief engineer the matters of chief interest to residents of the lake region and owners of land here, specific questions were put to him in the letter in which request was made for a statement of his views on this region.

Mr. Elliot's letter follows:
Dear Mr. Sharp: Your letter of February 29th in reference to conditions in the Everglades, with special reference to the section around Lake Okeechobee, has been received.

I shall attempt to answer the questions raised by you in the order set down in your letter.

In reference to the town of Moore Haven (and what I shall say about Moore Haven will be applicable to any town or municipality in that section), I would state that the degree of drainage proposed as a general proposition for the farm lands of the Everglades would not, in my judgment, be sufficiently adequate to be perfect for municipalities. Answering the question of drainage for the town of Moore Haven and other municipalities in the Everglades, I would reply that the same general method of drainage is applicable to Moore Haven and other Everglades towns which has been used under similar circumstances elsewhere. There are a number of towns in the low flat regions of the United States where pumping plants are used for keeping the town site free from water. Other Everglades towns which have been used under similar circumstances elsewhere. There are a number of towns in the low flat regions of the United States where pumping plants are used for keeping the town site free from water. Other Everglades towns which have been used under similar circumstances elsewhere.

"I was amazed at the great proposition of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company has put forth," Mr. Warner remarked. "and I cannot force anything else but a successful culmination of the enterprise. It is difficult to say now, whether southern Florida will ever produce the amount of sugar-cane that is produced in Cuba, because Cuba is a large island. I see few obstacles, if any, that will ever act to stop this section of the state producing the greatest amount of sugar cane in the United States."

The chief objection, always, is frost. There is but little danger from this menace and should there ever be a light frost it would not come at the time of year to damage the growing crop here. The only other factor is drainage. If the interests now at work on this project in the next few years as much as they have in the last few this will come to be something to be considered, and I would then see that southern Florida stands in position to be one of the largest sugar producing centers in the world."

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CANAL POINT

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Mr. Carter of the Big Store is home again after an absence on a business trip.

The sugar mill south of here has been grinding cane since the first of last week.

J. H. Holcomb, county surveyor of Glades county, is doing some boat work at Canal Point.

The Glades hotel is doing a rushing business in caring for buyers and tourists and land-seekers.

New Ford cars on the streets of Canal Point are an index to the growing prosperity of the section.

Insofar as pickers could be had, bean-picking went on Sunday in many fields around Pahokee and Canal Point.

W. H. Mann completed setting tomatoes on section 10 of the W. J. Conners Farms last week. He has in 150 acres.

Mrs. Robert M. Baker and daughter Mary, spent the last week-end with the family of Hon. J. M. Owen, of Palm Beach.

J. B. Barnes, a Linotype operator who was on The Everglades News payroll for several weeks has gone on a job in North Carolina.

Ninety-six one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell Sunday night, according to the records kept by Mr. Sheffield at the cane testing station. This is an unusually heavy rainfall for March.

Mrs. R. H. Baker of Atlanta, Ga., who has been visiting her son, Robert M. Baker, left a few days ago to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. S. L. Richmond, at Little River before returning to her home in Atlanta. Mrs. Richmond will be remembered as a former principal of the Canal Point school.

Louis G. Freeman of 909 Sycamore street, Cincinnati, Ohio, a shoe machinery manufacturer who owns property, was in Canal Point the first of the week. Section 8 is east of Belcan bay. About 100 acres of the 640 has been cleared. This is the second year part of the land has been in cultivation. Pat O'Neill is farming some of the cleared land.

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ITEMS FROM AROUND LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Captain and Mrs. J. J. O'Brien and Tom O'Brien of Clewiston, made a business call at Labelle, the county seat, the first of last week.

Clark G. Kuney, president of Sunset Farms, Inc., of Clearwater, Wis., which furnished the larger part of the seed potatoes used around the lake this season, is making his headquarters at Fort Myers.

The Franz Mercantile Company at South Bay is adding lines of goods to the lumber stock originally carried exclusively.

The landlady of the hotel at South Bay expects to have to give up the lease on the building to the pastor of the Methodist church soon. Unless the pastor of the church receives guests, South Bay will then be without a stopping place for traveling salesmen and prospective land buyers.

Charles M. Bond, of Charleston, W. Va., is charged with the investigation of speculative securities for the state auditor of West Virginia, spent several days at South Bay lately. He was not on official business, however, his visit being part of a vacation. Mr. Bond was favorably impressed with the Everglades—if the water is controlled.

At 7:30 o'clock on the morning of February 22, 1924, the range on the lock at South Bay read 18.3 feet as to the elevation of Lake Okeechobee and 15 feet as to the canal (North New River). With this reminder of the height of the lake and canal at that time, persons in the neighborhood can note what the present readings are and make comparisons.

Applications of commercial fertilizer to muck soil do not increase the yields of potatoes. This is the conclusion reached after an experiment made in raw grass soil by V. L. Pope, who planted potatoes on 50 acres of land on West Palm Beach canal near the cross canal road. The land is owned by Sullivan & Fish of Kansas City, Mo., who bought it from E. J. Hess, of Commerce Place farms. W. E. Sullivan, a member of the firm, had Mr. Pope apply commercial fertilizer; the application did not do any good—nor any harm.

ACTIVITIES IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT ROAD PROGRESS IN GLADES COUNTY

Otis Hardin has secured the contract from the state for the completion of the upper portion of the Indian Prairie Canal, and has ordered a floating dredge for a part of the work. He has also sent for a dredge machine for another part of the work, so as to rush the job to an early completion. The contract calls for not less than 400,000 cubic yards, and will probably aggregate more than 500,000 cubic yards. This canal is now cut within a mile of state road number eight, and there will be approximately six miles to cut. Mr. Hardin will put on two shifts to rush the work to completion, and will be throwing dirt there within two weeks.

Four more dredges will be at work in from 30 to 60 days, south of state road number eight, in the completion of the Indian Prairie sub-drainage canals, which means that great progress will be made in getting that rich section into cultivation at an early date.

It is possible to drive now over two miles beyond Buck Island, on the graded road through the marsh. The gap between DeSoto City and Sebring will be closed this week, and the force moved to New Venus. From there it will go to New Venus, thence northward to Lake Annie. The grading on that road is nearly completed—Sebring White Way.

"Johnny Applesed" was a queer character who lived about 1850, or perhaps several years earlier. He was a wandering "hawk" who traveled through the Middle West with a bag of apple seeds which he planted in many places. His real name is said to have been John Chapman, but he got the name "Applesed" from his occupation.

Three Accurate Clocks. Three clocks kept in a crypt in the Paris observatory, where the temperature practically never varies, are accurate to three ten-thousandths of a second a day.

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BRISBANE EDITORIAL IN HEARST PAPERS IS GREAT "AD" FOR CONNER'S HIGHWAY

What is the future of the Everglades? That is a question that is constantly in the minds of all persons who live in this region and, we judge, in the minds of the tens of thousands of non-resident owners of small tracts in the drainage district. There are no "native sons" in the Everglades. The residents of this region came here—few were born here—and they came in the hope of making money. Some of them have made money; the greater number have not done any better than they could do elsewhere, hence the thought always arises, "What is the future of this country we are in?" The thought is made to recur by the questions visitors ask of the residents.

Clearly, the future of the Everglades depends very much on what the residents of the region by people throughout the United States. That these people will say and think depends on a great deal on the information they get about the country, and chiefly from the printed page, because type talks to millions, whereas even the great and most popular actors can reach only a few more than thousands.

What is the printed page saying of Florida? Well, here is an instance of it, an editorial written by Arthur Brisbane, chief editorial writer on the Chicago Herald-Examiner and all the rest of the Hearst dailies. In addition it has been printed in all the newspapers using the Brisbane syndicated matter under the heading "Today." It has had more readers than any other printed paper in the world.

This editorial is the best advertisement of Florida ever had; it is better than a page advertisement in the Saturday Evening Post, which would cost around \$10,000. Appearance of the editorial was made possible by the operations in the Everglades of William J. Conners, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Palm Beach. If Mr. Conners had not spent millions in the Everglades there would be no subject for Mr. Brisbane to take to write of the Everglades.

This is the Brisbane editorial, which has been seen by millions of persons: "That vast region in Florida known as the Everglades, fortunately made a property, is one of the many spots on this continent that interests the whole people, representing the untold, unimaginable, undeveloped wealth of the nation."

"The so-called 'drainage' district of the Everglades is a country as fertile as Holland, but infinitely more fertile and beautiful. It will be all reclaimed, eventually, presenting to the world a fertility that centuries could not exhaust, ca-

MARKED BOOST IN THIS YEAR'S CRIST OF CANE

Howard Sharp, Editor from Okeechobee Shores, Brings Report

[Palm Beach Post]

When the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company starts its sugar mill at Canal Point next month it will have more tons of cane available for the grinding campaign than it had a year ago and the mill will be operated by a more efficient crew, Howard Sharp, editor of the Moore Haven Democrat and the Everglades News, stated on his arrival in the city from Canal Point last night. In this statement he quoted F. E. Bryant and E. T. Anderson, officers of the sugar mill company.

Sugar cane grown on the muck lands of the Everglades produces exceptionally heavy tonnage. The cane used by the sugar company's plantation at Canal Point run 50 tons to the acre last year. Last year 3,200 tons of cane were produced on 64 acres. This year, it is estimated, 100 acres of mill cane will make 5,000 tons.

This year's cane will have a heavier sugar content, Mr. Sharp quoted sugar officials as saying, because the cane is older.

Much of the sugar cane on the company's Canal Point plantation is cut young for cutting for the mill this season, only 100 acres of a total of 800 acres being sufficiently mature to cut for the sugar company. This year, it is estimated, 100 acres of mill cane will make 5,000 tons.

The 400 acres that is to be planted to cane is now in truck crops of which there has been satisfactory yield to this date with promise of larger yields later in the season. Four thousand hampers of green beans have already been marketed.

J. A. Rostan, a vice president of the company, is staying on the coast to receive shipments of beans made by W. R. Windham, the farm manager. Shipments of raw sugars pro-

duced at the Canal Point sugar mill will be made to the Savannah, Ga., refinery this season as was done last year.

Although a financing arrangement has tentatively been made and executed, the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company has made good its word in its statement that it assures it of ample funds with which to operate the Canal Point mill during the 1924 season.

This nature and extent of further operations are dependent in a measure, it is understood, on the advice of the commissioners of the Everglades drainage district to keep the water in Lake Okeechobee under control and prevent the lake water from overflowing the sugar company's plantation.

"SHE KNEW THE SEASONS. It really couldn't have happened anywhere else, not in the Glades section of Florida that a pupil of the school made the apt illustration of the seasons recently reported to one of our reporters."

The teacher had been explaining to the class that the "seasons" should not ordinarily begin with a capital letter, and asked a little girl of the class for an example to be put on the board.

The little Miss promptly went to the board and wrote: "The bean season is now on. My papa shipped six hundred crates of beans yesterday."

Which also goes to prove that the "seasons" as ordinarily counted have less significance here than elsewhere, but that the season for the various crops of this wonderful section are the all-important seasons.

BACK FROM ISLE OF PINES. The words "Isle of Pines" have a romantic sound but Alfred Mudge is an Everglades resident who says "Give me Okeelanta in preference as a place of residence."

Mr. Mudge went to the Isle of Pines in April of last year, induced to go by the fact that his old friend of his, R. C. Gerver, was there. He returned to Okeelanta in January and when a reporter for The Everglades News met him last month he said he was content to stay in Okeelanta the rest of his life.

M. H. Barnes has been elected president of the South Bay Community Council. Mrs. Lockmiller is the secretary.

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REGISTER AND VOTE!

All residents of the Everglades who are qualified to register should put themselves in position to vote in the June primary. This is highly important. This applies to residents of the Palm Beach county section of the Everglades as well as to those who live in Glades and Hendry counties.

The Everglades will never get from state officials the attention and consideration this region deserves until the residents of the Everglades exert themselves in elections and they cannot show their strength in elections unless they register and pay their poll taxes.

Registration books have been given out to deputy registrars in all of the precincts of all of the counties. Notice has already been given as to Glades county; we have no information as to Hendry county.

J. R. Poland has the registration book for the Pahokee precinct on East Beach, and A. L. Page has the book for the Canal Point precinct. There should be a new precinct for South Bay and the people there get one if they will ask for it in the right way. Residents of the Ritta and Bare Beach sections should find out where they register and see to it that their names are on the book.

But registering will not enable a person to vote if poll tax has not been paid for two years. Poll tax can be paid any time—and now is the best time.

THE TOWN THAT COULDN'T BE KILLED

Excavations are being made at the tomb of that Egyptian king whose name is usually given as King Tut because of the difficulty of spelling or pronouncing his name in full. The excavations are reminders of the splendid cities that existed and flourished in Egypt and were no more.

All over the world old cities are being dug up—in the Holy Land in Palestine, in China and India; there are remnants of early civilizations in all parts of Europe, and there are mounds in Florida which tell of a people long ago passed away.

And in more modern times cities have flourished and then gone the way of all things mortal. On western prairies and in the trans-rocky mountain country are collections of houses now vacant, but which once contained the seats of county government, schools and mercantile establishments.

We know the locality of "Old Venns" in Palm Beach county is a vegetable patch where once was Juno, the county seat of Dade county, and elsewhere in Florida are other places which once were thriving towns and now are known only as localities.

The causes of the decline of the ancient cities and the modern towns were many—pestilence, famine, fire, earthquake, change of routes of travel.

To few or none of the dead cities or towns did more happen than did happen in Moore Haven. Here were fire and bank failures and high waters, but Moore Haven survived them all. Moore Haven did not succumb to disasters which made other cities no more than sad or bitter memories. It is the phoenix city, for it arose from the ashes like the bird in mythology; the richness of the soil replenished the wealth which was wiped out in the bank failures, and on the swelling waters of Lake Okechobee and Pinehatch creek it rode triumphant. There's a good deal to that kind of a town!

HARBORS FOR THE GLADES

Construction of an inlet and jetties is still under way in Palm Beach county, to make a harbor in Lake Worth and aid in the growth of West Palm Beach and its territory.

If West Palm Beach becomes a seaport of any consequence it will be because of and through the operations of developers in the Everglades. This was recognized years ago, when the inlet district was organized—conducted by the people of the Everglades division of Palm Beach county as well as by the people of West Palm Beach, and the western boundary of the inlet district was made to extend to the western line of the county.

Practically all of the tonnage for outgoing ships must come from the Everglades. That the harbor project is feasible seems to be the conclusion of the Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, a tremendously wealthy firm which has bought 75,000 acres of muck land for a peanut plantation and has

IN LIEU OF GOLF

The Editor's Own Column

Some explanation may be due to those persons who think it odd that the editor of The Everglades News should put a good job on the leading newspaper in a city like West Palm Beach, abandon the association with the Tusawilla Club, the Shrine Club and the Elks Club and forego the pleasures incident to residence in West Palm Beach hotels, to go into "the sawgrass country," as they call it. If any explanation is due on this score it is less as a personal matter than to use the opportunity to discuss a point of view toward the Florida Everglades, its situation and its prospects.

For if it is singular that a newspaper man in West Palm Beach come into the Everglades to stake his all here, what of other men from other places?

My earliest recollections are of our family's residence in Southeast Missouri—"Swampst Missouri," as used to be called, reminding me of the present-day use of the term "swampst" here. Our house was on a sandy ridge, back of that was the swamp, ahead of it was the Mississippi river. There is recollection of a barefoot boy walking hand in hand with his father over sand so that his feet in his hands to cool them and of hoping first and one foot and then on the other to save his feet from the heat of the sand and crying until his father took him in his arms and carried him.

And there is another memory: A scarlet fever epidemic in the county seat town of New Madrid during a period of high water made it necessary that the little bodies of the victims of the epidemic be brought out to the higher ground for burial until the subsidence of the water made it possible to inter them in the cemetery in the town. The funeral party came in canoes and quickly-contrived riffs—the minister in deep black, the pious mourning stolidly.

During the campaign connected with the battle of Belmont and Island No. 10, in the period of the civil war, breastworks had been thrown up by one of the armies, and this battlement served as a levee which protected our family's dwelling house and the cotton gin and mill from the high water which inundated New Madrid. Back of the breastworks the little victims of the overflow of the Mississippi river were buried.

Does this give the picture and make the contrast that I want to give and make?—the sand and the overflowed land. When I came upon the, larger east coast of Florida more than five years ago I found the state of affairs with which my youth was familiar—the sand ridge which in this case is along the ocean's brim and back of that the overflowed land, which in this case is the Everglades. It may be a confession of creeping age that reflection goes back to scenes and incidents of childhood, but nevertheless this was how it was.

If the reader has followed this recital sympathetically and understandingly it sees that to me there is nothing unusual or abnormal in the situation of South Florida. I had seen in Missouri that the sand soil was a good soil in which to raise vegetables and root crops and grasses for dairy cows and I had seen that when the overflow land was drained and diked it was the best soil in the world. Southeast Missouri was famous in those days for its water melons, grown in the sand; here tomatoes was the big crop. After a few months in West Palm Beach I learned more of the Lake Okechobee country, and on East Beach I found the sand ridge that compared with the sand ridge on which sat the dwelling house in which I lived as a child.

There was no railroad in New Madrid county, Missouri, in those days. Another recollection is of the coming of the first railroad into the county, a narrow gauge as I recall it now. Until the coming of the railroad the Mississippi river steamboats furnished the only means of getting to St. Louis, the big city on the north, or Memphis, the big city on the south.

This statement makes clearer that it was a pioneer community in a pioneer country—this was along in the early 80's, "the big high water" being in 1882.

I'd like for the reader to get the picture in all of its aspects, and so I dwell on it: It was during "the big high water" of 1882 that a negro boy and I sat on the top rail of a rail fence and looked across the mile or so of intervening space to the bank of the Mississippi river on which houses stood precariously. The flood had deflected the current and the current was cutting into the bank and undermining the bank. The negro boy and I watched the houses as one by one they top-

pled from the bank into the current of the swollen stream.

The country survived all of that, "Swampst Missouri" is merely South-east Missouri now; the swamps have been drained and dikes have been built on the banks of the rivers and creeks. The soil yields prodigiously and land values are high and farmers are prosperous. The land owners and merchants and professional men who stuck it out have made a great deal of money. What were only railroad sidetracks have become cities. Suckling it out and fighting it out was good sport; it took the place of jazz and golf. It was an epic and epocha. The same thing is being worked out here in the Everglades.

You will forgive me if I do not get the exact name of the remarkable man who led all of that development—the drainage and railroad-building. He was a Pole, one of that considerable number of patriots who, during the United States after the rape of Poland by Russia, Germany and Austria. His first name was Otto and as nearly as I can get it now the surname was Kostitzky. The last report I had of him was that he was still living and he was known as "the grand old man." It was he who drained "Niggerwood swamp" and made the location surveys for the Houck railroads which were later taken over by the Frisco and consolidated into something of a system. Houck and Kostitzky were damned a good deal by the names in those days, ignorant natives who talked as though they knew more of engineering than did Kostitzky and more of finance than did Houck and who said the developments were ruining the country. Houck is dead and his memory is revered as the memory of Flagler is revered here and Kostitzky is known as "the grand old man." I wonder if it isn't possible that some day Fred C. Elliot, the chief engineer of the Everglades drainage district, will not have a place in South Florida like Kostitzky's in Southeast Missouri.

When I recall how much those "foreigners"—Kostitzky the Pole and Houck the German—did for that integral part of the United States I wonder too if at least a part of the prejudice against foreign-born citizens of the United States isn't misplaced.

The thought back of these reminiscences is that a point of view toward the Everglades be stated, and that experience and observation be invoked to show that drainage and road-building can effect great changes and that in the period of change a lot of interesting things happen and that at the end the man who sticks it through wins in money and I believe in character too. In a country like this—in the Southeast Missouri of forty years ago and in the Everglades of the present—the history and achievements of the human race are epitomized. For the reflective objects the moving pictures.

H. S.

WEATHER REPORT

Moore Haven, Florida

Week Ending March 8, 1924

Date	High	Low	Rain
March 2	72	47
March 3	72	47
March 4	80	41
March 5	84	50
March 6	87	58
March 7	78	63	32
March 8	78	58

A. C. McVAY,

Cooperative Observer.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

I respectfully announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of Tax Collector of Palm Beach County, subject to the decision of the primary on June 3, 1924.

I have been a resident and taxpayer in what is now Palm Beach County for the past twenty-six years. As Postmaster of Stuart for five years and twice Mayor of Stuart I submit evidence of my qualifications as a citizen and recommendation at the polls for your consideration.

E. J. RICOU.

ALBERT JOHNSTAD

Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Palm Beach County, Fla. June primary.

Graduate, State normal course of study, Augustana College, Canton, S. D. Taught school for a great many years, from district school to State University. Taught for five consecutive years in West Palm Beach High School (commercial subjects). Taught two summer seasons at University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. (commercial subjects). Attended summer sessions at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., 1923.

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R. L. (Bob) MCCABE

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Subject to the conditions of the June primary, I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination as Superintendent of Public Instruction, Palm Beach County.

JOE A. YOUNGBLOOD.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Democratic Voters of Palm Beach County:

I respectfully announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of Tax Collector of Palm Beach County, subject to the Democratic voters at their primary on June 3, 1924.

I have had more than three years experience in the office as deputy collector. I am a trained accountant. I have no outside business interests and I elected I pledge my entire time to the work of the office, thus reducing to a minimum the expenses of the office in the interest of the taxpayers; and to give to all alike courteous, prompt and impartial treatment. Upon this basis I solicit your vote.

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No. 87 All Pullman	8:50 AM
No. 9 All Pullman	9:05 AM
No. 37 Coaches-Sleepers	12:00 PM
No. 33 All Pullman	8:50 PM
No. 29 Chair and Parlor	9:45 PM
No. 35 Coaches-Sleepers	10:35 PM
Northbound	
No. 88 All Pullman	1:25 AM
No. 86 Coaches-Sleepers	3:25 AM
No. 36 Coaches-Sleepers	7:20 AM
No. 80 Chair and Parlor	8:05 AM
No. 34 All Pullman	9:20 AM
No. 38 Coaches-Sleepers	7:50 PM
No. 10 All Pullman	8:50 PM
No. 40 All Pullman	9:50 PM

J. D. KAHNER,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING IS ADDED BY COLE

Announcement was made yesterday by B. D. Cole, Inc., insurance specialists, of the establishment of an engineering department to serve the public in connection with all matters relating to insurance costs and insurance ratings. The announcement marks another step of expansion by the already highly organized and developed Cole agency. The new department is in charge of George T. Bowler, who for several years served the Southeastern Underwriters' association as rating expert and engineer. As a result, he is highly qualified to give expert advice and make recommendations as to how savings can be realized in insurance rates applying to new structures or otherwise, it was pointed out.

"If you contemplate building, the engineering department of this agency will review your plans and advise how the most favorable rates possible can be secured," the announcement said.

Prana Defined.

Prana is from the Sanskrit. The primary definition, the breath of life, is sometimes personified in the Vedas. In theosophy the word means individual life principle, as contrasted with jiva, meaning the personal soul.

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CHIEF ENGINEER

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providing that fall is all of the addition necessary, the drains, sewers and ditches being required in any case. This is nothing more than a simple and common sense provision for securing for a town perfect drainage, sewage and sanitation. I feel sure that improvements of this nature will come in time to every municipality of that section. Returning to the question of Moore Haven, completion of the lake levee is expected within the next three or four weeks, and this will afford protection to the town against Lake Okeechobee which it has not heretofore had.

In reference to lands formerly held by South Florida Farms Company, my recollection is that a large part of these lands were between Three-Mile and Nine-Mile canals. All of these areas, as you know, required secondary drainage in conjunction with the major system. The areas above referred to were created into a sub-drainage district by the 1923 legislature, same being called Diston Island Drainage District. This district has proceeded with the preliminary work and has adopted a plan of reclamation which has been approved by the Drainage Board. Furthermore, the above described district made arrangements with the Everglades Drainage District for completing a portion of the work affecting the lands where there was the greatest amount of settlement and cultivation. The carrying out of the works proposed to be constructed by the Diston Island Drainage District will settle the question in reference to the drainage of the lands between Nine-Mile and Three-Mile canals and Lakes Okeechobee and Hippochere.

In reference to the nursery on South Bay, I have no information as to whether this work will go forward or not. I feel that to abandon work at this time is like pulling the lead on the mill and then leaving it after the grade has been made.

In reference to inquiry of you concerning Saint Lucie Canal, I am glad to advise that the dredge Clark was completely overhauled and rebuilt for excavating the rock from the canal and this dredge has been digging satisfactorily since January 15th. There is no question about its being able to excavate the rock. It has been in one of the hardest rock beds or ledges on the canal since it started work, and is excavating and removing the same satisfactorily. The principal rock reef limiting the quantity of water which the canal will discharge will be reached about April 1st and will require about one and one-half to two months to remove. With this barrier removed the discharge from the canal will be very materially increased, and from that time on increase will be gradual, but steady, till completion of the work.

In addition to the dredge Clark, the dredge Culbra is working as usual.

In reference to the statement of the engineer to whom you refer as to another overflow, this of course, is not an impossibility. Probably the best forecast would be that based upon what Lake Okeechobee is likely to do, and I submit the following data in reference to behavior of the lake since 1915.

Maximum variation between Spring Low Water and Summer High Water	
1915	22 feet
1916	08 feet
1917	11 feet
1918	10 feet
1919	23 feet
1920	14 feet
1921	06 feet
1922	51 feet
1923	21 feet

Omitting the 1922 flood year, the average annual fluctuation in the lake was slightly less than 15 feet. With the storage which is reasonable to forecast in the lake at the beginning of the rainy season, the average year should not produce flood conditions. Conditions are favorable to get by.

In reference to the dyke or levee south-east from Clewiston which was partly built last year, the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District issued instructions for the dredge Panama to complete the building of this levee last fall and the dredge was ready to move on this job. By the request of a large number of people in the Moore Haven section, the dredge was transferred to Moore Haven for constructing a levee. Northwest from Moore Haven in continuation of the levee constructed south-east of Moore Haven, to afford better protection to that town. As soon as the Moore Haven levee shall have been completed it is proposed to place the dredge Panama back on the levee near Clewiston.

In reference to these levees, it is not

possible to complete a levee at the first operation. In nearly every case it has been necessary to build up a first embankment to such height as material could be raised, and allow the same to settle before building up the second part of the levee. In some cases the levee has been washed below water level and will require almost entirely new construction, but still the base which exists below water level has become settled and firm and affords a better foundation on which to complete the embankment. There is a considerable section between Clewiston and Ritta which will require this kind of treatment just as there were other sections elsewhere on the lake requiring to be built through two or three operations before they were made secure. Postponement of the work on Clewiston levee, as above stated, was by reason of doing other work at the special request from people in that section from Clewiston to Moore Haven. To these cases, a reference to advertising, probably you are better able to answer than I.

In reference to the construction of the Florida East Coast Railroad extending from Okeechobee through the Glades I have the following information:

"The Florida East Coast Railway Company has issued a recent map, 1924, entitled 'Map of the Peninsula of Florida and the Adjacent Islands' I suggest that you procure one of the same as it is a very good map. This map shows the proposed extension following near the east shore of Lake Okeechobee and crossing the Saint Lucie canal about one and three-quarters mile east from the lake, and continuing southward to Canal Point, thence southward to South Bay, crossing the North New River canal just below the right-mile bend, thence southwesterly to the Miami canal, crossing the same to the west side and following south-easterly along the Miami canal to a point opposite Hialeah, thence extending one branch east to Lemon City and another branch south to Kendall. I also have the right-of-way map which they recently prepared showing in greater detail the route above described. The railway company are under contract with the Trustees of the Internal Improve-

ment Fund in reference to the construction of this road along the general route described, and a part of the consideration from the Trustees in following such route is the receiving of right-of-way for the road and for sidings and for stations, and a donation of rock on Saint Lucie canal and on Miami canal for road construction purposes. All of the information which we have from the Florida East Coast Railway company is to the effect that the route will be as above described. This office has been in correspondence with this company not longer than thirty days past on points covering the route as above."

I do not pretend to be able to answer satisfactorily all of the questions which may be put up to me concerning the Everglades, or matters pertaining

thereto; however, I am very glad to do the best I can and hope you will always feel free to ask for any information which you think we can give on the subject.

Yours very truly,
F. C. ELLIOT,
Chief Drainage Engineer.

NEWS TO HAVE OFFICE IN WEST PALM BEACH

The Everglades News will shortly open an office in West Palm Beach; where there will be a telephone and a desk and where business can be transacted. News and orders for advertisements and subscriptions will be taken at the office. Opening of the office was planned from the outset and has been deferred only because of the delay in getting the mechanical department organized.

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Facts About Drainage District Given By Board's Secretary

Before approving plans for the Diston Island sub-drainage district at Moore Haven, information of the district was required by Chief Engineer F. C. Elliott of the state board, the information required was given by Secretary C. L. Williams of the Diston Island district in the following letter: Mr. F. C. Elliott,

Chief Drainage Engineer, Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of January 14, I am directed by the supervisors of the Diston Island drainage district to advise you in reply to your questions as follows:

A.—Number of miles of railroad and value?

The Moore Haven and Clewiston Railroad has approximately nine miles of single track, standard gauge road in this district, valued at \$500,000 per mile. Total \$4,500,000.

B.—Number of miles of improved road and value?

There is in the district 10½ miles of hard surfaced road, built at a cost of \$15,000 per mile. Total \$150,000.

C.—Number of farms and value?

There is at present in the district, under cultivation, 200 improved farms, approximately 4,000 acres in all, which at a conservative value are worth \$300 per acre. Total \$1,200,000.

In addition to this there is approximately 4,000 acres of land which have, at times, been in cultivation, but at the present are not being cultivated, due to adverse conditions caused by lack of drainage and irrigation, which is valued at \$250 per acre. Total \$1,000,000.

There are approximately 11,700 acres of muck land, partly or entirely covered by sawgrass which is not under cultivation, due to the impossibility of working same until a complete reclamation plan is installed. This is valued at \$200 per acre, the price at which it was sold before the present flood conditions. Total \$2,340,000.

The state lands lying between the meander line of the lake and the present state levee, approximately 1,300 acres, is valued at \$100 per acre. Total \$130,000.

D.—Farm equipment and improvements?

A conservative estimate of the equipment and improvements on the improved farms, including buildings, tractors, tools, etc., were \$1,000 each, or a total of \$2,000,000.

Our sugar mill should be mentioned in connection with your inquiry about factories. A conservative figure on this is \$100,000.

E.—Fair conservative value of land in district for drainage purposes?

The supervisors are at a loss to understand exactly what is meant by this inquiry. If you will explain a little more fully just what is desired, we will endeavor to answer you in another communication.

F.—Estimated value of benefits per acre, which will be conferred upon the lands of the district through drainage?

In the opinion of the supervisors this figure can conservatively be put down at \$500 per acre. As a matter of fact the greater portion of the lands in the district can not be worked under present conditions and no part of the district can be considered as a safe investment until a comprehensive, efficient plan of reclamation, to include not only drainage, but irrigation and water table control within reasonable limits, has been installed.

On such lands in this district as has been possible to cultivate at such times as conditions would permit, a net return of more than \$500 per acre per annum has frequently been made.

Such sawgrass lands as have been cultivated for two or three successive years have shown a net profit, but conditions have not been such as make it possible to determine just what would be the average profit on these lands. Therefore, no difference in favor of lake rim lands in the matter of benefit derived, is thought worthy of consideration. It is deemed by this board that the benefits which will accrue will eventually be (and that within a comparatively short time) equal throughout the district, with the exception of a part of the land lying between the meander line and the levee.

G.—What amount of drainage tax per acre per annum do the supervisors consider justifiable for the district, or how much tax per acre can the district stand?

The supervisors have given careful consideration to this question, and have discussed it with many property owners in the district, all of whom agree in stating that, provided they are assured of being able to grow except the most abnormal conditions, to control within reasonable limits, the water table, the tax which they would be able and willing to pay would be greatly increased. Some of which might be levied against them for the construction of a plan which will give them such assurance. Some place this figure as high as \$25 per acre, but in no case did they not agree that five dollars per acre per annum would be considered a reasonable charge.

H.—Is work to be carried on by district tax or a bond issue?

It is proposed to sell bonds and thereby get the work done with money from the proceeds in order that the work can be completed in less time than would be necessary if it were to be done on money to be obtained by district taxation.

I.—What amount of money can the district raise by bonding for construction of drainage works?

In the judgment of the supervisors the district can undoubtedly bond itself, based on the conservative figures as to assets given above to the amount of \$500,000, provided the plan is complete and desirable to the district, this control of the water table necessary and desirable.

The board has discussed the matter.

of financing this project at great length and in detail with many different interests and feel satisfied from the results of these discussions, and more particularly one of recent date with an extremely conservative South Florida banker, who is interested in the completion of the project as at present planned, that it will be no plan of financing the project, perhaps thought and work on the part of those who fully appreciate the value of the project to carry through the disposal of the board and the completion of the entire project and hope that board of supervisors of the Everglades drainage district can see their way clear to forwarding the work by giving their prompt approval to the plan of reclamation as worked out, and to the plan of financing the same.

If arrangements can be made to commence the construction work in order that certain parts of it can be completed before the beginning of the planting season next fall, it will not only be of great benefit to the property owners through the lesser likelihood of adverse conditions during the next planting season, but will possibly enable the district to obtain more advantageous prices from the contractors, due to the fact that this work can be carried on through the rainy season when much other construction work in this portion of the state will have necessarily to be closed down.

In closing, the supervisors wish to assure you of their earnest desire to present to you, any data or information which you may consider desirable to aid in the rapid construction of the entire project and hope that this letter will give you such information as you have asked for to date.

Very truly yours,

C. L. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

TAMPA FAIR AS A COLONIZER

While attending the fair at Tampa, W. B. Manning of Huntsville, Ala., visited the Glades county exhibit—among many others. He observed two boxes of the blackest looking something he had ever seen. One box had some cheerful looking young beans growing in it—lusty, vigorous and deep green in color. The other box held something densely, vividly black. Mr. Manning looked at the rich black muck and asked:

"What's that, gum powder?"

"No, sir—That's Glades county dirt. And that's the color of the vegetables it raises," was the reply of the proud Glades exhibit man.

"After looking at the white beach sand of fashionable resorts for six weeks, it looked mighty good to me," says Mr. Manning, and I made up my mind that I'd go over and see it for myself. I didn't think there was anything quite as black in the whole state of Florida, not even the negroes."

He came, and saw and was conquered. Mr. Manning now owns 640 acres of land near Orton, in Glades county, where they are making the grape experiments. He is looking at some land in Lee county, has bought several hundred acres in Hendry county and a home in Lufkin. He will plant a garden this week and make ready for Mrs. Manning who will come down next month.

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CROSS-STATE CANAL BENEFITS ARE TOLD

From the Fort Myers News of Feb. 19:

L. G. Pope spoke before a large audience at the Tourist Club meeting in the Community Hall last night. The hall was almost filled to capacity.

After an interesting program, participated in mostly by tourists, Mr. Pope told the people the great need of a cross-state canal by way of Fort Myers and pointing out the way such a project could be brought about.

A cross-state canal for Florida had been dreamed about for years, said Mr. Pope, and one man had made the statement some time ago that he had a million dollars for the project if he could be put through on a straight line from Punta Rassa to the St. Lucie canal. However, it is not a straight line from Punta Rassa to the St. Lucie canal. The Caloosahatchee to Lake Okechobee is the only feasible plan.

The lake is twenty-one feet higher than the Gulf and it would take the greatest amount of excavation to make a real shipping canal. The waste in the haul over the mountains from the east to New Orleans alone would soon pay for the whole cost of the canal.

A canal would open up the traffic both ways. It would make two routes to Chicago, one up the Mississippi and one by way of the St. Lawrence. It has been proven that water transportation from so far a distance as Seattle to Washington is cheaper than by rail.

Mr. Pope pointed out that in ten years time the canal would be paid for by the saving of insurance rates necessary when ocean plying vessels ply around the dangerous reefs in going back and forth to and from the Panama Canal over its present route. He urged the tourists to write to their several representatives to support Congressman Drane in this project at Washington, pointing out the benefit Illinois and other states would directly receive.

Following is his address in part: It is with great pleasure and excitement that I am permitted to address you tonight on this subject of a cross-state canal, a deep water-way for ocean-going ships from the Gulf to the Atlantic, opening up one of the greatest water territories, which when brought to its highest state of cultivation will produce more food per acre than any equal part of this great country of ours; yes, I may say, than any other known part of the civilized world.

"The distance between the Gulf of Mexico on the west and the Atlantic ocean on the east of this proposed deep water-way is in round numbers 125 miles, which would decrease the distance of the boats and ships going from the Atlantic to the Gulf over 500 miles, saving in marine insurance, estimated by the secretary of war in 1902, sufficient to pay for the canal in ten years, and how much more would be saved now, 72 years after that estimate was made by a government official.

The products which are now produced and which will be produced in the territory are principally food products, and with this water-way completed for ocean ships, these food products will be as accessible to the people of the United States and in addition to all the ports of the world. The rates of transportation will be much better for both producer and consumer, in that the producer will get a higher price for his product than the consumer will have to pay a less price for his food and in many cases the consumer will pay less than the amount for the same price he formerly had to pay, "cause of the high freight rates of the railroad."

"A concrete example of the difference in water rates and railroad rates was exemplified in the ship that loaded its cargo in Seattle, Wash., and sailed south to the Panama Canal and from there to the St. Lawrence river, and then up said river to and through the Great Lakes to Chicago, and unloaded her cargo cheaper than the railroads could haul the same freight from Seattle overland to Chicago.

"Soon the great state of Illinois will complete a ship canal from Chicago to the Illinois river then to the Mississippi, and a boat load of oranges and grapefruit can be sent from Fort Myers to Chicago when this proposed canal is completed. Allow me to call your attention to the possibilities of the territory along this proposed ship canal. The territory from Punta Rassa on the Gulf up the Caloosahatchee river to Lake Okechobee, the greatest inland body of water in the United States and then on to the Atlantic will require drainage and when properly drained will produce products which will purchase more of the necessities for support of the human family than in any other part of the world, of like area and when we know that the most densely populated part of the world is the East, 875 persons to the square mile, this territory will maintain more than 4,000,000 people."

"The Hunter's Moon."

"Hunter's Moon" was the name given to the moon immediately following the harvest moon. Owing to the small angle that is made by this moon's orbit with the horizon, it rises there the harvest moon, at the same hour for several days. It is so called, however, not because it enables the hunter to pursue his game, but because the crops having been harvested in September, there is nothing to interfere with the sportsman's pleasure.

Salt Lake City.

Chinamen and smokers' in Salt Lake City must be built from 10 to 20 percent higher than is necessary at a level because of the diminished atmospheric pressure.

THE TEST FOR OIL

Moore Haven Democrat

Solely as a matter of information to readers and without assuming responsibility for any of Mr. Brewton's statements, The Democrat prints herewith a letter from the president of the Indian Prairie Oil and Gas Company, dated Schriber, Florida, February 26.

The Democrat doesn't like the name of the company, for the company is not producing oil or gas and whether it will ever produce either is a very uncertain matter, and the name is likely to give a wrong impression.

This paper does not want any advertising from the Indian Prairie Oil and Gas company, for acceptance of the advertising would imply recommendation of the company and this recommendation we will not give at the present stage. Mr. Brewton probably is sincere and honest, and at that he may be mistaken, and The Democrat would encourage its readers to buy stock in the Indian Prairie "Oil and Gas" Company as an investment. Money paid for stock in the company should be regarded

ed as a gamble and the gamble should not be undertaken by any one who is not in a position to stand the loss if there is a loss.

The letter from R. P. Brewton, president of the company follows:

"For your information, the Indian Prairie Oil and Gas Company has under contract and lease twenty-six thousand acres of oil and gas leases in Glades county for the purpose of finding oil, which title to us is worth more than the surface title. In other words, our lease is worth more to us than the land is to the man who owns it and we hope in the next few weeks to prove to you and the entire world what Glades county is good for.

"The writer of this letter had rather have the oil rights on the peninsula of Florida than to own what is on top of the ground including your buildings and groves and I shall always feel that way until I have drilled one or two locations for oil. I feel that we are going to make Glades county in the next few weeks through our efforts and experience in the oil business as being

one of the greatest counties in Florida. I am sure that every property owner in Glades county should be willing to assist us in which ever way they can.

"Our proposition is honest and honorable and open to every paper or person in the United States and is being conducted 'honest' and 'honorable' through the United States mails and to every person that joins with us. I am enclosing you herewith a photo of our well in the prairie northeast of Moore Haven, which is open for inspection any time you care to drive out and look at it.

"We are not asking any space in the papers trying to advertise it not until we get it further down drilled, then the oil people will look in and help us in this development. Any information that you care for further, advise us, and we will gladly furnish it for you. You can answer your inquiries by telling them that a real rig is in the prairie now drilling for the purpose of finding oil and that our company is going through to drill to a depth of three or four thousand feet and that No. 1 well is now under way."

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"The Oldest Merchants on the Ridge"

The wisest bears destruction. The wisest is threatened with extinction. There are no herds of this European bison left and only about 50 head scattered widely in zoological gardens and preserves. Plans have been proposed in Germany to get some of these animals together and start breeding them. The success of the United States and Canada in bringing back the buffalo, encourages old world zoologists to think that the same methods used with our bison will be effective with theirs.

What's in Aurora Borealis. The aurora borealis consists of cathodic rays, which are composed of electric particles emitted by the sun at a speed of many thousand miles a second and so small that several millions placed side by side would not cover an inch.

William Tell Flour

Self Rising and Plain
High Grade, Guaranteed Flour
CASH PRICES:12 pounds, 70c
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Other Things For Cash In Proportion

Announcement of Millinery Opening will be made later

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PAHOKEE

Pahokee, Fla., March 7.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Story of Miami, were in Pahokee Thursday. Mr. Story is traveling salesman for Swift & Company and came out on business. Mrs. Story accompanied him just to see the Everglades this section.

G. F. Waters went into West Palm Beach Thursday to attend to matters pertaining to drainage for the Pahokee drainage district.

J. M. Owens, county tax assessor of West Palm Beach and his son, J. M. Owens, Jr., were business visitors at Pahokee Tuesday.

Howard Sharp made a business visit to Pahokee Tuesday in the interest of the Everglades News, a new weekly newspaper which will be published at Canal Point in the near future.

Mrs. W. H. Van spent several days in West Palm Beach last week.

Mrs. Dorothy Graham went to the county seat last week.

Mrs. E. J. Sharon and her two children of West Palm Beach came out one day last week and spent the night here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poland. Coming out with them were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keller of New York City and Mr. Sharon's niece of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Keller is Mrs. Sharon's brother. The Polands pleasantly entertained the party with a card party and fishing trip while they were here.

Mrs. Cone and Mrs. Rose Brady wife and daughter, of Capt. Peter Cone, returned recently from a visit to Cocoa. On their return they experienced a very serious auto accident which painfully injured Mrs. Cone.

The house occupied by Crate Tucker and family at Canal Point was totally destroyed by fire Monday when an oil stove exploded. All their household goods were burned also. They are now occupying rooms at Pahokee.

Since the Howard packing house on the dock here burned about two weeks ago, the McDowell lumber building has been engaged by Homer Vivian for a packing house and will be put in readiness by the packing season. Offices in the building have been taken by J. A. Weeks, commission man and Fordson tractor dealer and the J. P. Heimer transportation company.

J. E. Cochran spent several days on the east coast the past week securing farm help. Before going he shipped 636 hampers of fine beans from Monday to Wednesday.

ITEMS OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE OFFICE OF THE EVERGLADES NEWS

No. 14 Linotype—Three magazine and auxiliary. The magazines carry 8, 10 and 14 point matrices; the auxiliary magazine carries 24 point for headline. A second auxiliary magazine has 36 point matrices. Three fonts of two-letter matrices are contained in an extra standard magazine—lining gothic and engraver's roman, for job work. The R. 10 and 14 (two letter) matrices and the 24 and 36 point matrices in the auxiliary magazines are also available for job work. An electric heater pot and a motor are held in the shop available for attaching to the machine when electric current has been obtained.

Newspaper Press—Six column quarto Campbell. Prints four pages of a paper six columns to the page.
Newspaper Folder—Folds 8, 10 or 12-page paper of six columns to the page.
Job Press—Chandler & Price old style Gordon, 10x15 inches.
Paper Cutter—25-inch Advance.
Double jaws stand carries 20 cases, containing ad and job type.
Imposing stones (3) for newspaper forms and job forms.
Lead and slug cutter.
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Two cases of labor-saving job rule.
And other necessary small items.
Power is furnished by a six-horse-power Fairbanks & Morse engine, with overhead shafting and pulleys and belts to the several pieces of machinery.
The mechanical equipment is located on the first floor of a two-story frame building on the north side of West Palm Beach canal near the lake-front; the editorial and business office of the business is on the second floor.

Conditions in the Everglades

Write to the publisher and send it in. Minimum charge 25 cents. The rate is 50c.

W. J. CONNERS HAS LARGE ACREAGE OF TRUCK CROPS

Pahokee, March 6.—William J. Connors is the biggest truck farmer in Florida; possibly he is the biggest truck farmer in the world! If this isn't a fact at least it appeared so to persons who visited this week his farms on the shore of Lake Okeechobee.

Within sight were 110 acres of potatoes, 200 acres of snap beans and 300 acres of tomatoes. There was not a yellow spot in the whole field of potatoes, all showing a glowingly beautiful green. The potatoes are of the Red Bliss variety; the planting of them began on December 15, as soon as the land was dry enough for the operation of planting. The first beans were planted the first of the year and picking and packing already was under way. Some of the tomatoes are planted with the beans but there is to be 120 acres of tomatoes by themselves. Tomato planting is still under way.

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Homer Vivian, Mr. Connors' farm manager, has in crops at Okeechobee City also for Mr. Connors: 130 acres of oil tomato, 100 acres of potatoes and an acreage of beans from which 3,000 hampers have been shipped. At Uppergrove Beach, between St. Lucie canal and Okeechobee City, on land cleared this season there are 65 acres of tomatoes, 15 to 20 acres of potatoes and 10 acres of beans.

McCORMICK QUARRY BUSY

A total of 18 cars of crushed rock per day is now being shipped from the quarry of D. G. McCormick, about seven miles up the river. Of this amount Highlands county receives 15 cars per day for use on its roads while Hendry county is using all that is left over after the others are supplied.

This outfit requires the quarrying of 400 to 700 yards of rock per day and in order to facilitate the work Mr. McCormick has recently added to his equipment a locomotive and an electric light plant, which latter makes it possible to continue the work after dark so that all cars received can be loaded and not held over a day. There is usually a shortage of cars but every car is now loaded the same day it is received.—LaBelle Current.

Value of Mastication.

A good way to form the habit of thorough mastication is to begin each meal with a small quantity of very dry food. In most cases mastication is a help to digestion. The only circumstances under which it is not advisable to prolong the mastication are where there is an excess of the digestive acids in the stomach or where there is pain after eating solid foods.

Where Do You Taste?

If asked what part of the body you taste with you might answer, "With the mouth." But the tongue is really the main organ of taste. Spices and coffee and wine can only be tasted by the front of the tongue.

Willie Willie.

The mother of little Willie Willie discovered that her son had been permitting his pig to share his bed since the cold spell began. In order to save her pride she made him explain: to the father what the powder would be used for.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SUPERVISOR FOR PAHOKEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

A meeting of the owners of the lands situated in Pahokee Drainage District of Palm Beach County, Florida, is hereby called for the 14th day of March, A.D. 1924, at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Pahokee Drainage District in the Town of Pahokee, Florida, for the purpose of electing one supervisor for the term of three years, which supervisor to be elected shall be a owner of lands in said district. Each acre of land in said District shall be entitled to one vote by the owner in person or by proxy duly signed.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Pahokee Drainage District, this 25th day of February A.D. 1924.

(Corporate Seal) W. H. LAIR,
Attest Vice-President
Homer Vivian, Secretary.

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CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION ADOPTED AT CLEWISTON MEETING

Name
Article 1. The name of this organization is South Florida and Everglades Development Association.

Membership
Article 2. The South Florida and Everglades Development Association shall be composed of every resident and land owner of each community containing more than five (5) people located within the Everglades Drainage District and of each community within twenty (20) miles of the boundary line of the Everglades Drainage District which contains more than one hundred (100) inhabitants and any other community that the Board of Directors of this organization shall by a three-fourths vote include.

Purpose
Article 3. The purpose of the South Florida and Everglades Development Association is to promote and provide a method for the communities of the Everglades and communities vitally interested in the Everglades to discuss together their mutual problems and any problem or question of or concerning the Everglades; to seek uniformity of purpose and effort in matters affecting the different communities of South Florida and the Everglades; to provide a method for these communities to maintain a closer touch with the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District; to disseminate information pertaining to the works, plans and purposes of the Board of Directors of the Everglades Drainage District; to provide a channel through which the different interests of the Everglades may present their suggestions, ideas and recommendations to the board of commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District; to bring about a full understanding between those in authority over the Everglades and the tax payers and residents of the district; to hasten development in the Everglades and to do all other things that it may find to be in the best interest of the Everglades for its economic or moral development.

Officers
The officers of the South Florida and Everglades Development Association shall be a president, first vice-president, second vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and a board of directors.
Section 2. The president shall be elected by the board of directors, the president's vice presidents and secretary and treasurer shall be elected by the board of directors and the community from which they elected shall be entitled to a member of the board of directors other than the officers, but shall not be construed to give any community more than one vote.
Section 3. The board of directors shall be composed of the representatives or spokesmen designated by each

community which shall annually, after the first of January of each year, designate its representative. Ten (10) or more of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board of directors.

The officers, the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall constitute an executive committee which shall handle the details of the organization, but any action taken by the executive committee shall either first be directed by the board of directors or brought before the board of directors at their first subsequent meeting.

Duties of Officers
Article 5. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of South Florida and Everglades Development Association.

Section 2. In the absence or disability of the president, the first vice-president shall assume his duties or in the absence and disability of the president and first vice-president, the second vice-president shall assume the duties of the president.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep full and complete minutes of all meetings of the organization and of all meetings of the executive committee; shall handle the general correspondence of the organization and shall do such other work as the board of directors may assign to him.

Section 4. The treasurer shall receive all moneys, funds and credits of same only after bills have been presented to and approved by the executive committee. His account shall be audited at least once a year and a full report made to the board of directors.

Section 5. The board of directors shall have a general supervision over all matters coming before the South Florida and Everglades Development Association and shall be a final authority and governing body of the organization. The board of directors shall meet in regular meeting once every four (4) months and at such other times as it may be called together by the president or upon the written request filed by the secretary by at least five (5) members of the board of directors. All procedure of the board of directors shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Meetings
The board of directors of the South Florida and Everglades Development Association shall meet in regular meeting quarterly on the second Thursday in March, June, September and December of each and every year; that the regular meeting place for this organization shall be at Clewiston, Florida or such other place as the executive committee may deem most advantageous at the time of each meeting.

Amendments
This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of all members of the board of directors at any regular meeting, the amendment having been proposed at a preceding regular meeting.

LAKE SURVEY
(Continued from first page)

paper dispatch from Washington printed last month:

"The engineers are now 'fixing' points in the lake in relation to the coast line—their first step in making a map of the whole area which will dovetail with maps already made of the Florida coast line. When this job of establishing control points is completed, engineers will go about making accurate charts of the canals leading to the lake and of the lake itself. Depth of the water at all points will be shown, channels will be indicated with the strength and direction of all currents."

The Coast Geodetic Survey already has charts of the lower east coast of Florida; this is the first time, however, it has done any work on Lake Okechobee. Thus, while Lieutenant Graham does the preliminary work in the lake country, Lieutenant Roberts carries the line inland from the coast, this line being to aid Lieutenant Graham in getting starting points and checking his work.

To carry the coast survey line inland Lieutenant Graham erected five West Palm Beach towers, one 40 feet high and the other 30 feet high, the purpose of these towers being to show locations to and from which sights are taken. From Mile Palm Beach west of Twenty Mile Bend on West Palm Beach Canal, survey was made and stakes were set at intervals. Travelers in automobiles on Loquatatchee road have sometimes assumed, and erroneously, that these are mile posts; they are not mile posts, they are nothing more than posts set at convenient places. West of Twenty Mile Bend to Canal Point, the survey line is the muck line of the drainage, the line designated by a line driven into the ground. A marker is placed in the concrete drain tile. Markers such as these are under the towers at the end of the line and at the end of the line at Boca Point on E.

marked places will be sought out and referred to by Lieutenant Graham when he returns next year to connect them up with the lines he has run on the lake.

STORM, BUT BOATS MOVE

Despite the high wind this morning, both of the McCoy Line boats made their trips. The Andry, a Comers boat, came in at an early hour and the usual number of bean-carrying boats left Canal Point. The Clewiston mail boat ran on schedule.

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a broad sense, was to provide a heavy duty highway, in the shortest time possible, through new country, through lake and Everglade, on a road bed that would be almost wholly an embankment which was to rest on a muck base of undetermined stability.

Solid Base
In the first place, no such heavy traffic road had yet been built through the Everglades, and the problem of unstable foundations had added to the effect of periodical high water, and of storm action on the roadbed.

Through the Everglades, along the Palm Beach Canal, there exists in the bottom of the canal a thick strata of marl and marl rock. By deepening the canal and depositing the dredged material on the bank a splendid roadbed is obtainable, although it must rest on the floating muck surface. A berm of twenty-five feet between the edge of the canal and the toe of the roadbed was specified, the material spread as wide as possible to form a mat over the muck and sufficient material thrown out so that a certain proportion of it could be forced into the muck surface consolidating it and providing a foundation that would take care of the heaviest traffic and trucks.

It was the original intention to grade the entire road with two layers of graded rock, one to be six inches and the top three inches compacted. This top was to be full penetrated. This was

changed and one layer of crushed rock seven and one-half inches finished was decided upon. After finishing the surface to be treated with about ten tenths gallons of oil per square yard. This will provide a sufficient thickness of surface, well protected, during the time that the roadbed is taking its settlement, and expensive material was not have been wasted. It is contemplated that after sufficient time has elapsed for settlement, and the entire road has been carefully maintained and weak spots repaired as required, an additional layer of rock will be applied and thoroughly penetrated.

The width of the paving throughout was made sixteen feet to conform with standard sattle work. The minimum width of road section was made twenty-four feet to obtain a four foot shoulder on each side of the paving. The bridges, twenty-six in number, are all built to a standard pile trestle design, with clearance of 18 feet, 8 inches between hand rails. The piling and lumber was cut by the job saw mill, specially built and equipped for this highway construction.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, March 8.—Weather outlook for the period March 10 to 15 inclusive: South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Considerable cloudiness with rain at beginning of week and again on Thursday; cool first part and normal temperature second half of week.

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